

Pastor Russell's Sermon

HOMAGE TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Jesus the Center of God's Favors for Church and World.

DIVINE PLAN EXPLAINED.

The Foundation of Blessings Was Laid at Calvary—God's Favor to the Elect Began at Pentecost—It Will Culminate at Jesus' Second Coming—Then Will Begin the Blessing of the Non-Elect—Christ and His Church Will Reign a Thousand Years—A Royal Priesthood—For the Restoration of the World to Human Perfection. The Wilfully Wicked Shall Be Destroyed in the Second Death.



Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—Pastor Russell preached here twice today, to a crowded house, as usual. We report one of his discourses from the text, "I have sworn by Myself * * * that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." (Isaiah 45:23.) Pastor Russell said in part: The Scriptures declare that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, to the glory of God. Our careless reading of this passage has led some to assume that the bowing knee and the confessing tongue will be a mere formality while hearts are still in rebellion. But a careful reading notes the fact that these acts will be to the glory of God. Further, we find our text quoted in the New Testament with the assurance that every knee and every tongue will include those in Heaven as well as those on earth. (Philippians 2:10, 11.) In other words, the glory of Jesus and the great work which, as the Father's Representative, He will yet accomplish, will bring Him fame, glory and homage amongst angels and men.

The question arises, When will this be, and how will it be brought about? Nearly nineteen centuries have passed since Jesus came into the world to be man's Redeemer, and as yet comparatively few knees bow and few tongues confess, on earth, to the glory of God, although we do know that Jesus has already been highly exalted in the Heavens. The Father's prophetic statement has already been fulfilled, "Let all the angels of God do Him homage."—Hebrews 1:6.

Sufferings First and Glory Afterward. Human theorizing has led us in the past into grievous misunderstanding of the Divine Word and Plan. It seems necessary for the people of God to first realize to some extent the confusion and error into which we unwittingly drifted and to feel heartily ashamed of our unreasonable conclusions—human creeds. Many are now reaching the place where in anguish of heart the cry goes up for the Bread of Life and the Water of Life—the Truth—the correct understanding of God's Word. Some have already reached this condition, and others are gradually coming to it. But alas, still others, caught in the snare of the Adversary, have had their faith dashed to pieces upon the rocks of Higher Criticism and Evolution.

The central teaching of the Bible is that the death of Jesus was necessary as man's redemption-price. This is clearly set forth by Jesus and the Apostles, as it was previously shown in the types of the Law, that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." The worldly-wise scoff at the thought that the shedding of blood is necessary to man's forgiveness and the rolling away of the curse.

But perhaps some of our objections have been illogical, for many have not stopped to think that the phrase, "shedding of blood," is merely another way of saying a *sacred death*. Then, too, our minds were prejudiced by the unreasonable theories of the past, which claimed that the death of the Creator was necessary for the redemption of the sins of His creatures. But the Bible presents no such illogical statement. It assures us that the penalty upon our race was neither eternal torture nor purgatorial suffering, but "Dying, thou shalt die"; that this sentence of death was placed upon Father Adam, and by process of heredity came down through six thousand years to us—his legacy of evil, sorrow, weakness, alienation from God, death.

Is not the Bible logical in its declaration that the Supreme Judge could not set aside the death sentence of His own Court and yet be just? If Adam as a sinner was unworthy of eternal life and died under that sentence, he is no more worthy now. Moreover, his children, inheriting his sin and weakness, are no more worthy of life than was he. There can be no forgiveness of Original Sin and no one can be granted a second opportunity for life everlasting except by a redemption—a payment of the original penalty.

As from the first God designed one Redeemer for the race, so He provided that only Father Adam should be on trial, and that only he should be sentenced. Thus God prepared the way for redemption—that "as by a man

came Death, by a man also should come the resurrection of the dead; for as all in Adam die, even so all in Christ shall be made alive—every man in his own order"—the Church being of the first order, or resurrection.—1 Corinthians 15:21-23.

Not the Father, but the Son, Died. When we get rid of the foolish, unscriptural idea that Jesus was His own father, we can understand the facts.

The Heavenly Father did not die for man's sin, nor did He compel His Son to die for us. On the contrary, the Scriptures assure us that He presented the matter to the Son, and that the latter voluntarily carried out the work. Nor was this contract without reward. For the joy set before Him our Lord endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now glorified at the right hand of the Heavenly Father. (Hebrews 12:2.) The Logos was created a spirit being—not a man, a human being—and could not be man's Redeemer except by leaving His glorious spirit plane and becoming a man—"the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a Ransom for all."—1 Timothy 2:5, 6.

In the past we have been too careless in our study of the Bible. Now we see that the word Ransom, *antithron* in the Greek, signifies a corresponding price. And this is what was necessary for man's redemption, and what Jesus provided. As bulls and goats could not be a corresponding price because of inferiority to man, so an angel, or even the glorious Logos Himself, could not be a corresponding price, because not on the same plane of being. Thus the Scriptures explain that it was necessary for the Logos to become a perfect man in order to effect the ransom of Father Adam, giving a corresponding price for his human life. How simple it all is when we accept the plain statements of God's Word!

Knowing that the Scriptures tell that God has provided redemption for the whole world in Christ, Christian people have been trying to make themselves believe that the entire world has been blessed through Christ ever since He died, "the just for the unjust." Some even go so far as to imagine that in some way or other He must have accomplished some blessing of the millions who died during the four thousand years before He tasted death for every man.

How foolish we were in trying thus to deceive ourselves! Plain honesty would have helped us all a great deal. We should have said, it is plain enough that the millions of the four thousand years before Christ died got no blessing through Him; and that the masses of humanity, including the hundreds of millions of heathen, during the nineteen centuries since He died have received no blessing from Him. In honesty we must confess that none except the Church class have yet received a blessing from the hands of Jesus.

After making this candid admission, we should have looked more carefully into the Bible for an explanation, and no doubt we would the sooner have become enlightened; but, deluding ourselves and claiming that all mankind are having a fair trial, we have increased our darkness. Dishonesty is never advantageous. It is especially disadvantageous when exercised along the lines of religion. Now, as we become more honest with ourselves and the facts, the darkness begins to flee away; and the true teaching of the Bible begins to shine out luminously.

"The Election Obtained It." St. Paul draws our attention to the fact that God proffered certain great blessings to the Jewish people in their Law Covenant, which they were unable to acquire because of inherited weaknesses common to mankind. He tells us that when Jesus came, Israel's testing came; and in rejecting Him they rejected the chiefest of God's blessings, but did not cut themselves off entirely from His favor; for God's gifts and calling to Israel have not been abrogated. He says, "Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for [the highest favor of God]; but the Election obtained it, and the rest were blinded."—Romans 11:7.

Here we have the key. God is making an election, or selection, from amongst mankind. He desires a Little Flock of extremely faithful, self-sacrificing, saintly ones, to be joint-heirs with their Redeemer in a great work which Divine Wisdom and Love have laid out for Him. This Little Flock, the Elect, are to be "Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ" their Lord, in the Messianic Kingdom.

That Kingdom, when set up to great power and glory, invisible to men, yet all-powerful in their midst, will bring to pass all the glorious promises of the Bible. St. Peter declares that at the Second Coming of Jesus will come Times of Restoration, times of blessing mankind in his earthly home, turning it into a paradise and bringing mankind back into the image and likeness of God. That great work is to be done by the Elect—The Christ—Jesus the Head and the Church His Body—Jesus the Bridegroom and the Church His Bride.

Bride Makes Herself Ready.

The work of electing the Church has been an individual one, requiring thus far nearly nineteen centuries. But God, who is rich in Wisdom, is using the various members of the Church during this period as His ambassadors, as His servants, to call one another, to build one another up in the most holy faith. Thus, as the Scriptures declare, the Bride is to make herself ready for the union with the Heavenly Bridegroom, which is to be accomplished at His Second Coming, when she shall have experienced the change in the First Resurrection—to Heavenly nature and Kingdom; for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

Now, as Bible students, we are be-

ginning to get the eyes of our understanding opened to the grievous mistake which our forefathers made and handed down to us. The mistake was in supposing that the Elect would be all that would be saved of the human family, and in not seeing that the Elect, now being called, are to constitute God's New Creation, not only far higher than perfect men, but higher than angels and cherubim. In other words, God took advantage of the reign of Sin and Death amongst humanity to select from amongst the redeemed human family some jewels of character, to constitute what He terms a royal diadem in the hand of our Lord.

With the completion of this diadem class, this Royal Priesthood class, this class that is to be made partakers of the Divine nature in the First Resurrection, the work of God for the human family will be only beginning; whereas we once supposed that there it would have ended. We now see that not until the Elect shall be glorified will God's blessing even begin to come to the non-elect—all of whom, as Adam's children, were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Only the Elect have been dealt with thus far. The great mass of mankind, blinded and deceived, through the bewildering influence of error, have been led captive by Satan at his will. Only the comparatively few have escaped the condemnation which is upon the world, by accepting Christ and becoming members of the New Creation through Him.

Messiah's Campaign Beginning.

When we get the right focus on the subject, we perceive that Messiah's great campaign against the reign of Sin and Death is only beginning. The Bible informs us what His procedure will be. First the Redeemer will take unto Himself His great power and begin His reign. Second, the first work of His reign will be the binding of Satan for a thousand years. Then will follow the scattering of ignorance and superstition fostered by the Prince of Darkness. The great Prince of Glory, as the great Sun of Righteousness, will shine forth to chase the darkness away.

The Redeemer Himself tells us that the Church will be with Him, parts of that Sun of Righteousness, that glorious Kingdom of God so long promised and prayed for: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven." "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father."—Matthew 13:43.

Satan is an enemy of God and of righteousness, and his destruction is foretold. But, from the Bible standpoint, man is not to be so considered. In an official, or legal way all sinners are enemies toward God and toward righteousness. In that they have done wicked works. But in reality, as the Bible points out and as our experiences confirm, mankind are not enemies of righteousness and of God, but simply blinded, confused captives and slaves of Satan, Sin and Death. It is in recognition of this that God provided a redemption for Adam and his race. In recognition of this also God has provided for the thousand years of Messiah's glorious reign. During this period Adam and all mankind will have an opportunity of coming to life everlasting and to the earthly, human perfection, lost by disobedience, and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus.

Do we not see, then, that as this Gospel Age has been the time for selecting the elect class, so the Messianic Age, which is to follow this, will be the period in which the Elect with Jesus as their Head will bless all the non-elect?—as God declared to Abraham, saying, "In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Galatians 3:8, 16, 20.) God's blessing through Messiah's Kingdom will not mean to the world joint-heirship with Christ, or the Divine nature, or a seat in the Throne. But it will mean a full opportunity for thorough enlightenment and for full assistance out of all the bondage of sin and death into the glorious liberty of the sons of God—everlasting life.

The Battle and the Battlers.

Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, was the first great Victor in conflict with Sin, Satan, Death. He was crowned because of His loyalty to God and His faithfulness even unto death. His victory was won by dying a martyr. Similarly, all of His followers of this Gospel Age must prove their loyalty unto death, if they would be His associates in the Messianic Kingdom.

For nineteen centuries Satan, Sin and Death have seemed to triumph; while in reality, from the Divine standpoint, Christ and His Church were triumphing. Their triumph will be manifested in the First Resurrection, when will occur the "General Assembly of the Church of the First-born, written in Heaven." Then the battle will take on a new phase. No longer will the victors die, but the foes will perish. During the thousand years of Christ's reign, He will put down sin and death, proportionately lifting up mankind from under their weights and burdens back to human perfection. In His day, the righteous shall flourish, and the evil-doer shall be cut off in the Second Death.

How grand the program! What honor and glory it reflects upon the Creator, who formed the Plan; upon the great Redeemer who is the Executor of that Plan; and upon the Church of the First-born, who are to be associates with the Redeemer in the execution of that Plan! Finally the glorious consummation will be reached. All ignorance will have vanished. Sin and death will be no more. Wilful evil-doers will all be destroyed. Then every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, to the glory of God.

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WOODBURN NOTES

Woodburn, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Clair Ogle, who is attending U. of O., at Eugene, is home spending his Xmas vacation.

Miss Ethel Adams delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home Friday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated in Oregon grape and fir. After a very pleasant evening of music and games, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her cousin, Miss Gladys Adams. Those present were: Miss Shirley Crookum, Miss Mable Coy, Miss Gladys Adams, Miss Ethel Adams, Elbert France of Hubbard, Chas. Neils of Portland, and Geo. Miller of Hubbard.

Willard Cole is home from Eugene where he is attending school. He will spend the Xmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schaffer spent Sunday in Gervais visiting with Mr. Schaffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schaffer.

Miss Fern Parr returned home Friday from Corvallis and will spend the Xmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parr.

Miss Daisy Mulkey is visiting with her sister, Miss Mable Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McCutcheon, of Broadacres, visited friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Hunt and daughter, Nellie, were shopping in town Monday.

Miss Gladys Warner, of Salem, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Warner.

Mr. W. Steelhammer, of Silverton, spent the week-end with his brother, John Steelhammer, of Woodburn.

Mrs. M. Fessler, of Mt. Angel, was in town Monday shopping.

C. Shattock, of Grants Pass, ex-sheriff of Josephine county, was in town Friday and Saturday on business.

Miss Ida Kissick spent the week-end with her parents at Broadacres.

Miss Mary Deguire, of Gervais, was in town shopping yesterday.

Harry Bailey who is attending school at Mt. Angel is spending his Xmas vacation with his parents.

Henry Hunt of Broadacres visited with friends in town Monday.

Miss Fern Baillie of West Woodburn was in town Tuesday shopping.

Wiley Bonney returned from Union where he has been visiting his brother R. Bonney.

Miss Eva Libby left Saturday for Portland, where she will visit for about two weeks with relatives.

Mrs. E. Cutsforth of Gervais was in town Tuesday shopping.

Miss Ruth Giffertson was hostess Tuesday evening when she delightfully entertained the members of the sewing club at her home after a pleasant evening of sewing and conversation a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. W. H. Reed of Seattle was in Woodburn Sunday.

Jax Smith of Centralia, Washington, visited friends in town Sunday.

H. Heindereich of Eugene is visiting friends in Woodburn this week.

Miss Iva Feller is visiting friends in Portland this week.

L. M. Bitney went to Newberg Saturday on business.

F. Whitman left Saturday for Klamath Falls for a two week's vacation.

B. H. Hendricks of Salem called between trains Monday on his cousins Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott.

A. B. Carie of Portland visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Becket Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Scott and children left Tuesday morning for Dallas where they will spend two weeks with friends.

Miss Mildred Drake left for Ashland where she will spend the holiday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emmett entertained the Koffe Klatch Saturday with a four course dinner and Christmas tree. Covers were laid for 17. The table was centered with a large bowl of holly and ferns. Red berries were tastefully arranged on the cloth. The dining room was a mass of holly, mistletoe and red ribbon. An Xmas tree was placed in front of the large bay window, the window and tree were filled with presents the members of the Koffe Klatch brought for each other, each guest was handed a package, when unwrapped proved to be some kind of a joke. This created lots of laughing and amusement. At midnight the Koffe Klatch frolics came to an end, all going home loaded with Xmas presents. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Houston of Salem were honor guests.

F. X. Beck and son all made a business trip to Portland Monday.

Olive Galbraith spent Saturday in Portland with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bonney and family spent Xmas with their son Roy Bonney of Union.

Harry White of Portland spent Monday and Tuesday with Woodburn friends.

Mrs. Walter Johnson was hostess on Thursday afternoon when she entertained the members of the Priscilla club this being their second annual Xmas party. The hall was attractive with the banisters twined with English ivy and white cotton, sprinkled with diamond dust. It was arranged so it looked like snow and icebergs. At the end of the hall was a prettily trimmed Xmas tree. The living room and dining room, were in holly, mistletoe, spruce and red bells, in the center of table, was placed a small Santa Claus and each place was marked by a hand-painted Xmas place card and a miniature Santa Claus. A three course dinner was served by the hostess. Each guest received a favor which were stockings made of different colored cloth. Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Silverton was an honor guest.

Henry Whitney spent Thursday in Salem.

D. E. Murphy of Portland is spending Xmas week with his sister Mrs. Joe Kennedy.

Raymond McKinney spent Sunday night with Salem friends.

Lynn Parr who is attending U. of O. at Eugene is spending Xmas vacation with his parents.

F. L. Provost of the University of Oregon is spending a few days with Woodburn friends.

W. G. Richards of Spokane spent Thursday in Woodburn.

Miss Ida Nohl who has spent the past week at Walls Walla and Spokane returned home Wednesday.

Miss Nina Runkee of Portland was a week-end guest of the Misses Bitneys.

Earl McDonald spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in Portland.

Clarence Coyle, of St. Paul attended the Xmas dance given at the armory Thursday night.

Geo. Richards, of Portland, spent the Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kenuse and baby spent Xmas with Mrs. Krauss' parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Fellers.

Walter Rice who has been out of town for about three months returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. White of Monitor spent Thursday with friends at Woodburn.

Miss Mable Wyatt of Portland is the guest of Miss Helen Seallard.

Mrs. O. Buff of Silverton visited friends in Woodburn Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Wolford of Silverton spent Xmas with her sister Mrs. O. Broyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover of Portland spent Xmas with Mrs. Grover's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Feller.

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Miss L. Kerr of Aurora visited her friends in town Thursday.

Roy Seallard of Portland is spending the Xmas vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Seallard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barkman of Donald spent Xmas at the home of Mrs. Barkman's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Feller. Everett McLean of Portland is visiting friends at Woodburn this week.

Cyrillus Crosby of Portland is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crosby.

H. Miring of Salem attended the dance at Woodburn Thursday.

E. G. Emmett spent Thursday in the city of Portland with friends.

C. Brune of Portland spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brune.

Mrs. H. Allicman spent Thursday with her sister Mrs. S. E. Tume of Gervais.

Mrs. Hall Lewis of Portland is the guest of her mother Mrs. Sadie Dimick.

H. Ramp of Brooks attended the Xmas dance given at Woodburn Thursday.

MEDFORD SPORTS TRAVEL IN SPECIAL TRAIN TO FIGHT

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Medford, Or., Dec. 30.—A special train of four first class Pullman cars left Medford yesterday afternoon for California, with over one hundred excursionists, some of whom will spend the New Year's eve in San Francisco. The remainder, led by Dr. J. K. Gowdy, an enthusiastic Anderson supporter, going to Los Angeles with a bunch of Anderson money. It is predicted here today that the Medford scrapper will enter the ring a ten to six favorite over Cross.

POSTPONES SENTENCING.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Federal Judge Olin Wellborn postponed yesterday for one week the sentencing of Dr. John Grant Lyman, who was convicted of using the mails to defraud investors in the Panama Development company. Attorney Paul Schenck, for Lyman, asked for the delay to prepare a motion for a new trial.

MAY DANCE IN GRILLS.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Dec. 30.—Despite the fact that Mayor Albee has banned the drinking of liquor in all grills after 1:15 o'clock New Year's morning the patrons, if not too hilarious, may dance. The dancing must be done on the floor, however, and not on the tables as in times gone by.

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